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It is questionable whether more good things could be put in one sentence than are found in the following resolution of the New York Republican Convention. "We are for the union of the nation and the just rights of the States, for the reconciliation and enduring harmony of all sections, for the inviolate preservation of the results of the war, and the constitutional rights of every citizen; for grateful recognition of the brave soldiers of the Republic; for thorough rearmament and reform; for the unsparing pursuit, exposure and punishment of public frauds and official dishonesty, for the elevation of the public service, and pure and efficient government; for maintaining untarnished the national credit and honor; for a sound currency of coin, or paper convertible into coin; and for common schools absolutely free from sectarian influence."

The Daily Bulletin, of New York, says that President Grant has suffered many things of late through the indiscretions or misfortunes of friends and relations. "Some of these misdoings were trivial, all of them foolish, and some of them important and disgraceful. He intrusted a very large part of his property, which is not near as great as people think it is, to one of his esteemed relatives, and the doings of his friends so intrusted, almost threw him into bankruptcy. He does not live in the style he did, nor go into any extravagances, because his salary is monthly used to help pay up debts that his friends contracted for him."

On the 1st of January, 1869, the debt of New York city was \$36,203,929. This was the accumulation of many years, about \$15,000,000 of it having been contracted for war purposes. In 1869 the Tammany ring obtained control of the city, and held full and undisputed sway for over two years. In September, 1871, when the ring was broken, the city debt amounted to \$97,287,523—in other words, in the space of two years and eight months the Democratic party, through the Tammany ring, robbed the city of \$60,991,596. But this is not all. On being expelled from power the ring left a legacy of outstanding obligations, in the way of unfinished and pending contracts and accrued debts, amounting to about \$30,000,000 more, so that for the brief period of the rule of this political banditti the tax paying citizens were compelled to assume an increase in their debt of about \$91,000,000. Of such is the kingdom of Democracy.

ST. LOUIS AND SIBERIA.

A St. Louis firm, Messrs. Gerard B. Allen & Co., last week shipped ten car loads of machinery via the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern, Kansas City and Council Bluffs and Central Pacific Railroads for San Francisco, from whence it will be transported to Nishnevsk, on the sea of Ochotsk, Siberia, by a steamship in waiting for it. This lot of machinery is for eight steamboats that are being built at Nishnevsk by a Russian gentleman named P. J. Pahloukoff, who is engaged in steamboating on the Amoor River. His boats ply between the port at the mouth and Nishnevsk, a point opposite the Chinese line, a distance of 2,000 miles from the mouth of the river. These boats are used almost exclusively in the tea trade and will take cargoes of tea up to Nishnevsk, on the Ochotsk Sea, for shipment to San Francisco.

PETROLEUM VS. GAS.

The New York Shipping List, alluding to the substitution of petroleum for gas, which is progressing in different parts of the country, says: "Nowhere, probably, has the change been so extensive as in Brooklyn. As a consequence the stock of gas companies is steadily declining, with very little demand. The decline in Brooklyn gas stocks during the last week ranged from \$15 to \$20 per share, the current price being \$210 for the Brooklyn, \$100 for the Nassau, \$75 for the People's, \$70 for the Metropolitan, \$105 for the Citizens, and \$140 for the Williamsburg. There is a proposition before the legislature to appoint an inspector of metres, another to reduce the price to \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet. The price of gas ought to be reduced and the quality improved. Gas coals are fully \$1.50 per ton cheaper than they were two or three years ago, and so labor, and if the companies had abated their demands in time, and been a little more courteous to their patrons, they might have retained most of the business which they are now losing every day."

QUEEN ISABELLA AT MME. MACMAHON'S BALL.

Teresa Vilela Letter to New York Express. I was, on the 9th inst., at the second great ball at the Palais d'Elysee given by Mme. de MacMahon, at Paris. The alterations and improvements which have been made in the distribution of the rooms of the palace made this ball even more brilliant than those heretofore given. La Marchese de MacMahon received her guests in the usual hall. Marshal de MacMahon and a brilliant staff assisted her. After mid night she retired to another salon, where, in a semi-circular alcove heading the room, were arranged seats here La Marchese and Queen Isabella of Spain, one of the Infantes, and the Princess de Bourbon, nee de Hammel, of Cuba, formerly well known in New York, and Mlle. de MacMahon, were seated. A cord stretched half way across the room prevented a too near approach of the crowd to these royal ladies. Mlle. de MacMahon was dressed in white silk, puffed and flounced, etc., with white tulle, looped up with white flowers, her whole person and coiffure dazzling with diamonds. Queen Isabella wore silver gauze, trimmed with green grasses, and regal emeralds and diamonds on her neck, head and arms.

SINCE the crash of 1873 the country has been gradually getting back to the old ante-war state of things. The process is painful. It is hard to abandon high prices, and high living, and high style, and high speculation and come down to the ordinary plane of actual production. The refusal to do so is filling the land with a crowd of doers, embezzlers, forgers, and the whole tribe of criminals who are driven forward by the love of inordinate gain. Speculation has been cut up by the roots. The waste of war, of extravagance, of unprofitable expenditure, is being slowly replaced by actual production. Robts, interest and taxes, are coming down. There is much suffering but the process is a healthy one and will ultimately restore the country to sound prosperity. Those who look back and sigh for the "good times" when two millions of men were cutting one another's throats, and wending the substance of the country at the rate of a million dollars a day, are looking and sighing in vain. Those who think the era of high prices, speculation and extravagance, can be inaugurated, are, happily for the country, mistaken. The process of the restoration may be impeded, the revival of confidence may be postponed, the condition of incertitude and suffering may be prolonged, but the bubble that burst in '73 cannot be reborn. The safety, prosperity and growth of the country lie in at once reaching the bottom, in utterly abandoning all the wild, visionary theories of creating wealth without labor, and rebuilding the shattered edifice of confidence upon the rock of productive industry.

GOVERNOR TILDEN, of New York, has not vouchsafed any explanation yet of his connection with the old Terre Haute and Alton railroad, by which he enriched himself and impoverished the stockholders. The facts have been already stated. Briefly, he, with one or two other persons who were appointed a committee to construct the road, appropriated about \$500,000 of the road's bonds in alleged payment for legal and other services. A large number of the swindled stockholders live in Illinois, and think it about time for Tilden to declare a dividend. If he goes to St. Louis as a candidate for the Presidential nomination, he will be very apt to hear of this transaction.

A centennial postpaid envelope has been designed by the postmaster general, to be sold only at the branch office, to be established on the centennial grounds. The stamp differs in design from the ordinary postage stamp. It is represented by a shield, bearing at top, and in a scroll, the words "United States Postage," beneath which is a mounted post-boy. Beneath this is an engine and postal car, and at the bottom of the shield, within the scroll, are the words "Three Cents." The dates, 1776 and 1876 are at the top and bottom of the shield respectively.

If the newspapers keep on with their aggravating descriptions of Mrs. Belknap's beauty and fascinating manners, we shall begin to secretly applaud the General for suffering \$20,000 to keep her in pin money. A fellow can't resist everything, you know. The debate in the House and the correspondents practically say, "Belknap couldn't help it. Any man would have done the same thing." And most of the talk leaves the impression that there's not a man in Washington who would not like to play Adam to Mrs. Belknap's Eve. The General is not so badly off, after all. He is still proprietor of that magnificent compound triumph of nature and art.—Buffalo Express.

This little incident in a Washington special of the 31st is worth preserving. "Yesterday as an invalid was being examined by Reagen, Jeff. Davis's Postmaster-General, he fainted, whereupon the Democrats started the story that the knowledge he had of fraud actually frightened him. The fact is, he was one of the skeletons of a Union prisoner, delivered at Annapolis, who has never regained his strength, and being sick, the effort to reach the committee room brought on a hemorrhage."

TELEGRAPHIC.

PAT DYER.

His Evidence about the Pierrepont Letter.

Also his Story about Bell.

A TENNESSEE OUTRAGE.

ANOTHER EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Mississippi for Morton.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—District Attorney Dyer, in his testimony yesterday before the Select Committee investigating the whisky fraud, made a statement which the members of the committee regard as very important, to this effect: Mr. Dyer said that while the Grand Jury at St. Louis was in session, he discovered that one of the members of it, named Fox, who had formerly been Chairman of the Republican State Committee of Missouri, was supplying President Grant with information concerning everything that transpired in the jury-room. He expressed the opinion that Fox made use of his position to curry favor with the President, and that he prejudiced the President greatly against the officers of the Government at St. Louis. He said that Fox reported to the President with the evident purpose of destroying confidence in him, that he (Dyer) had taken the stand as a witness against Babcock while the question of preparing an indictment was being considered by the Grand Jury. Dyer said that this statement was true to this extent, that he did take the stand as a witness to identify the handwriting of Babcock to the Sylph telegram, which was in evidence before the jury. When he did so this juryman (Fox) asked whether he was giving sworn testimony, and he then took the oath as a witness, but he did not give any testimony against Babcock, as was reported to the President. Dyer said that on coming to Washington, after the indictment was found by the Grand Jury, he found Fox here, in consultation with the highest officers of the Government, and he learned that a son of Fox was shortly afterward appointed to a Consulship by the President. Mr. Dyer then gave a full history of the Babcock case, and what passed between him and the Attorney General during the pendency of the proceedings against General Babcock. By this statement no additional discredit was cast upon the Attorney General. Mr. Dyer said that at his interview, previous to the Babcock trial with the Attorney General here, at which the Secretary of the Treasury was present, Mr. Pierpont said to be careful to allow no unnecessary scandal to be stirred up against the administration, but said that if Babcock was guilty he should be punished. He said that the letters of the Attorney General to him concerning the exemption of guilty parties from punishment in consideration of their testifying for the Government was a very great surprise to him. A day or two after he received it he was called upon by Mr. Hutchins, the editor of the St. Louis Times, who stated that a letter purporting to be addressed to him by Attorney-General Pierpont had appeared in a German newspaper; that a translation of this letter had been made by him, and he came to ask of Mr. Dyer permission to use the official copy, in order that he might verify the language and also get a correct copy of so important a document. Mr. Dyer told the committee that the difference between the language of the original copy and that of the version that appeared in the Western papers was probably accounted for by the fact that Babcock's friends caused the letter copied from the files of the White House to be first translated into German and published in a German newspaper, and the translation caused the changes in the wording of the letter, which at first caused some surprise.

Mr. Henderson will testify tomorrow.

MEMPHIS, April 1.—On Thursday morning, the store of Hirsch Brothers, at Somerville, Tenn., was broken open by a party of disguised men, fifteen in number, who after beating the two young Hirschs, tied ropes around their necks and dragged them through the streets for some time and finally released them, after telling them that should they remain there another night they would be killed. When the brothers returned to their store, they found they had been robbed of \$1,900.

CLEVELAND, April 1.—The Plaindealer's special from Akron, Ohio, says the United States Express Company's office there was robbed last night of a large sum of money. The clerk and messenger sleep in the building, but the key was taken from their clothes, while asleep, during the night, and the safe was opened. The robbers carried off \$12,000 cash, and several sealed bags of money. Total loss is believed to be \$25,000 to \$30,000.

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